

# THEATER PROSPECTS A WESTERLY

A. O. Ashley, of Boston, May Have New Structure On Dixon House Property—Treasurer Robert W. Perkins, of Norwich, Secures \$5,000 Wotan Orchestion For Free Casino at Pleasant View—Captain Bliven Property Sold—Chauffeur Breaks Wrist.

THE big new manufacturing establishments in Westery mean a material increase in population and, therefore, more money in circulation. Theater managers are evidently cognizant of the prospective conditions, and therefore an effort is being made to provide more amusement. Already A. O. Ashley, of Boston, who has something in interest in one of the existing playhouses, has already made a proposition for the building of a new and modern theater where the highest grade of performances can be properly staged. The matter of building a new theater has been broached to William Segar, owner of the Dixon house property, located right in the business center. In the rear of the hotel there is a large tract of land, almost as large in area as that covered by the hotel. Mr. Segar is considering a plan to build a theater on a part of this land, with a large and attractive entrance in the open space between the Dixon house and the building of the Washington Trust company. The plan is to have an ornate entrance, but the building is to be in the rear of the hotel building there is no need for ornamental exterior, but to pay special attention to the interior decorations. Mr. Segar said Saturday that he knew nothing of the theatrical business, but he was inclined to the belief that a theater at that place would be profitable investment if properly managed. Mr. Segar informed Mr. Ashley that he would give the matter consideration before giving a definite answer. He said, however, that he possessed the most available site in the town for a theater and perhaps adapted better for that use than any other.

The Captain Bliven property, so-called, located in Lower Pawcatuck, considered the finest place in that vicinity, the house, built by the late William Howard Robinson, costing nearly \$14,000, has been purchased from William A. Wilcox by Edward G. Chester of Greenman avenue. It is the plan of the new owner to restore this whole property to its former grandeur and to make it the most attractive place within view of the Pawcatuck river.

Work is being rushed on the extension of the trolley road from Pleasant View to Westkapag and upon the new casino near Pleasant View, which is to be for the benefit of the residents of the road. Robert W. Perkins, treasurer of the Norwich and Westery Traction company, was inspecting the progress of the work Saturday. He said that the plan of the company to make the casino one of the most attractive of its kind and that it will be up to date in every detail. The new casino, at an expense of nearly \$5,000 secured one of the six celebrated Wotan full brass band orchestras that have been imported into the United States, which will be installed in the casino. It is a full band of 40 pieces, will be operated by electricity and supply concert and dance music, the selections being the very best obtainable. This wonderful automatic musical instrument was built by Weiss & Son, Frankfurt, Germany. The other five in the country have been secured for some of the larger amusement parks in the large cities, but none are superior to the one to be installed in the casino at Pleasant View. It is expected that the casino will be ready for the reception of visitors within a month and will be so attractive that many for miles around will

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Chief of Police Thomas E. Brown, with Officers Mitchell and West, made descent upon a resort in Pond street Sunday night and arrested Warren C. Brown, the alleged proprietor, also, Reatrice Tucker, aged 16, and Grace Smith, aged 35. There were four men in the place. Those arrested will be arraigned in the Third district court Monday morning. This is the first raid of this nature in Westery in some years.

At the Cottrell press works Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock Edward Edwards, Jr., an employee, while working at his bench, was badly injured when a heavy truck got away from a fellow workman and ran over him. Mr. Edwards was knocked down and his right leg was badly injured; he was also hurt internally. A doctor attended the injured man, who was taken to his home on Beech street. It is uncertain whether it will be necessary to remove the injured leg or not.

Local Lacerations.  
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Martell have returned from their wedding trip. Mrs. Marie Carpenter, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is somewhat improved. Mrs. Eugene L. Bailey of New London visited with him. Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Crowell arrived in Westery Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. Emil Zangrandi is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. George S. Holt, at Rye North Beach, New Hampshire. Laverne Langworthy, chauffeur for Charles Chapin at Avondale, broke his right hand while cranking the automobile Sunday afternoon.

Congressman George H. Usher of Westery has accepted an invitation to deliver the Fourth of July oration in the Providence city hall. Six of the eleven who applied to the state board of pharmacy for certificates to practice pharmacy passed successful examination. Among them is Timothy Connors, Jr., of Westery. Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Burdick entertained the John Austin club of the Seventh-day Baptist Sunday school at their home in Williams street Saturday evening. The occasion was the 15th anniversary of their marriage.

Albert Thompson, whose right arm was injured about two months ago by being caught in the machinery of a coal hoister, later being amputated at the elbow, and returned home from that institution Sunday. Announcement has been received by relatives in Westery of the engagement of Henry H. Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perry, of Boston, to Edith Nichol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Whitall Nicholson, of Moorestown, N. J. Forty of the teachers in the schools of Westery and Pawcatuck attended the annual banquet of the Westery Teachers' club at Pleasant View Saturday evening. Congressman Usher gave an informal talk of his experience in the national capital. Rev. J. W. Ford preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of the Westery High school in the First Baptist church Sunday afternoon. There was a large attendance of members and friends of the school. The sermon was pleasingly instructive, forcible and eloquent.

A motion for a new trial in the case of Connelly Grilla against the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company was argued by Attorney Ledwith for plaintiff and Judge John W. Swanwick for defendant before Judge George T. Brown in Providence Saturday. The verdict was against the railroad company.

Messrs. Withey and Stewart of New London were inspecting the new steam tug Westery Saturday with a view to granting permit to carry passengers. The contemplated trip to New London by the tug will not be made unless there is change and increase in life saving appliances.

## TO END HIS DAYS

IN TOLLAND COUNTY  
John P. Warren, Wife Murderer, Pardoned After 53 Years.

John P. Warren, aged 72, who holds the prison duration record, was pardoned Saturday by the state board. For three years friends and sympathizers had endeavored to secure his release, but the action of the pardon board, coming after a sitting at which no one had appeared to plead his case, came as a great surprise.

Warren was informed Saturday night of the board's decision. Although several years beyond threescore and ten, he appeared strong, physically and mentally. A brother, who is a prosperous farmer of Tolland county, will take care of him.

For years Warren has been a trusty at the state prison. He said he would not leave the institution until he had taught someone else to do his work. In 1923 Warren killed his girl wife on his farm, and hid the body in the woods, where it was afterward found. When arrested he admitted the crime. His plea of guilty went far in deciding the court to impose life sentence instead of the death penalty.

After fifty-three years behind the bars Warren, probably the longest confined convict in America, like a being from another world. Having gone to prison before the outbreak of the civil war, the aged man knows nothing of the telephone, the typewriter or the automobile, save what he has read in the papers.

A shade of mystery as to the reason for Warren's crime has always hung over the case. He confessed to the deed and calmly told of how, in July, 1869, he had persuaded his young wife to take a walk with him, and on their return, he brook proposed that they remove their shoes and stockings and go wading. The wife, a girl of only eighteen, acquiesced, and they entered the water. Warren then seized her, and without a word held her under the water until she was dead. The deed was committed on his farm in Willington.

Whatever feeling or passion prompted him to kill his wife, Warren has never revealed. The crime was apparently deliberate and cold blooded. The murderer confessed, and only the eloquent pleading of his counsel saved him from death. Strange as it may seem, in face of the facts, the lawyer secured a second degree conviction for Warren, who was sentenced on the very day a notable gathering of patriots was held in Hartford to answer a call to preserve the union. Since entering jail Warren has been a model prisoner. No mention of his deed has ever dropped from his lips, and until the last moment of his incarceration he has kept secret the reason for the murder.

New Britain.—City Engineer O'Brien recommends that the city purchase a steam engine.

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## STONINGTON.

Insurance Men Have Jolly Outing—Public Utilities Commission to Consider Matter of Railroad Gates on Wednesday.

On Friday the members of the Connecticut Life Underwriters' association were royally entertained at the Anderson bungalow at Wamphasset point, where 35 of them and several of the members of Underwriters' association of Western Massachusetts were the guests of Harry H. Anderson, vice-president of the Connecticut association. It was a busy entertainment program from the time all hands arrived until afternoon. The track met between the Massachusetts and Connecticut men resulted in a decision after close fighting in favor of the latter, but at baseball the Massachusetts men won out. Rhodes and Franklin of Springfield were the battery for Massachusetts, and Rush and Sturtevant of Hartford were the battery for the Connecticut association.

Quetta, the shot put, the hundred yards and other events were included in the programme. An excellent shore dinner was thoroughly enjoyed. The next meeting will be held in September at Hartford.

Hearing Wednesday Morning.  
The coming hearing before the utilities commission as to whether or not the crossing gates in the borough shall be removed has been of great interest here, and it is plainly seen that the public is very much opposed to this Friday morning a special meeting was held for the purpose of discussing this with the burgesses and warden. Selectman Holdredge was present and said that he had received a letter from the clerk of the public utilities commission advising him that a hearing will be held on the matter Wednesday morning, at 10:30 o'clock at the railroad station at Stonington, when the railroad officials will be expected to show cause why the gates should be removed and the borough authorities will present their side of the case.

A committee of three, consisting of Selectman Holdredge, Warden Crandall and Street Commissioner Bindlow were appointed to represent the borough people in the matter.

Funeral of William H. Palmer.  
The funeral of William H. Palmer, who held Saturday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock from his residence in the borough, a large number of relatives and friends attending. The services were conducted by Rev. C. J. Mason, rector of Calvary Episcopal church. Burial was in Stonington cemetery. The bearers were members of Stonington lodge of United Workmen, Pequot council, Royal Arcanum. At a meeting of Sassaquoi tribe Improved Order of Red Men, with which the deceased was affiliated, action was also taken on his death.

Abandoned Schooner Worth \$35,000.  
Schooner Fannie M. Prescott, which was abandoned at sea a week ago, was valued at about \$35,000. The Atlantic Shipping company insured \$20,000 of it and this part was insured for \$15,000. The balance was owned by private parties. No further details of the disaster have yet been received.

Now in Paris.  
Friends in Stonington have received postal from Miss Abby P. Stefferson, who is spending the summer abroad. She is at present in Paris.

Mrs. C. O. Maine Congratulated.  
On Sunday Mrs. O. Maine celebrated her birthday. Many friends remembered her, with gifts and best wishes.

Various Items.  
Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Culbert J. Palmer and family arrived and will occupy the Hancock house.

Edward P. York of New York spent Sunday in town at his residence here. Mrs. Jones and daughters of Hartford will arrive for the summer this week and open their residence here on Main street.

Daniel E. Barker has returned from Chesterfield, Mass., where he attended the 15th anniversary of the founding of his native town.

On Wednesday evening the graduation exercises of the Stonington High school will be held at Borough hall.

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Part I—Welcome Song, school chorus; address, Principal I. B. Dunfield; salutatory address, Willis Ridgeway; recitation, Katherine Hudson; Piaz Song and Drill, grades II and III; Willie's Speech, Arthur Ratcliffe; song, Florence Battersby, Annie Johnson; essay, Life of Garfield, Thomas Bell; How We Got Our Flag, grades IV and V; Four Celebrated Characters, grades VI and VII; Dance of the Daisies, kindergarten; Patriotic Exercises, grades IV and V; Merry Little Cooks, grades II and III; recitation, Lee Lambert; The Great Pumpkin Case, boys, VI, VII and VIII.

Part II—Voices of the Woods, school chorus; Class History, Louise Drescher; Rock a Bye Lady, grades II and III; buck and wing dance, Ratcliffe brothers, in School and Out, kindergarten; Piaz Song and Drill, grade I; A Supposition, Dudley Burr; song, Minnie Magel and Ethel Firth; Our Hopes, Wilfred Royce; selection from Lowell, Gladys Rathbun; tableau, grade I; class prophecy and valedictory address, John Sullivan; conferring of diplomas, Supr. A. N. Potter; Vacation Song, school chorus.

Miss N. Y. Milner was pianist of the evening. The hall, through the efforts of the teachers, was artistically decorated with American flags. The stage was banked with laurel and blossoms. From the center was suspended the class motto, Excolatior, in illuminated letters. Over this were the class colors in blue. A pennant, 1912, finished the dainty work. The teachers as well as pupils received many compliments for the fine programme. The graduates were Louise Mae Drescher, Thomas Bell, Wilfred Royce, Willis Ridgeway, John Lawrence Sullivan, Supr. A. N. Potter gave a very interesting address on Education and its Benefits which pleased all present.

At North Grosvenordale.  
Mrs. Alex. Dupont and her nephew, George Cadarotte, will spend the week with Mrs. Dupont's parents at North Grosvenordale.

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